

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 22 and 25 have been cancelled. Claims 1-21 and 23-24 are pending and under consideration.

It is respectfully submitted that the double patenting rejection was overcome by the previously submitted terminal disclaimer. The Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney that was filed on April 23, 2004 appointed the attorneys and agents of Staas and Halsey, LLP to prosecute the application (see page 1, just above the bar code). Accordingly, the attorney that signed the terminal disclaimer was an attorney of record.

Regarding the objections and rejections of claims 22 and 25, these objections/rejections are now moot.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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